



Kansas WIC & IRIS

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Kansas WIC Supports IRIS

Kansas WIC fully supports using IRIS as a way to refer families for needed services and to receive referrals from other agencies.

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Verbal Consent Okay

The consent screens in IRIS with client's verbal consent is sufficient for Kansas WIC. If your health department is using a separate consent, please follow their lead.

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% WIC Cost Okay

If applicable, you may use the appropriate % of WIC funds to support IRIS.



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Local Agencies Presenting How They Use IRIS



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Crawford County Health Department WIC Program

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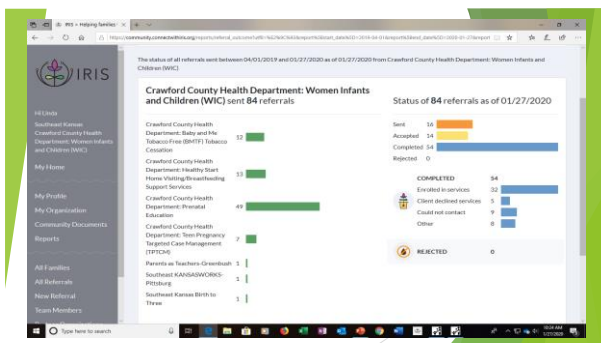
Approximately 11 agencies are currently using the IRIS referral system.

Community Health Center of SEK and Crawford County Health Department have several programs.

These programs are listed separately in IRIS so referrals go directly to the person in charge of the program.

Using IRIS

Pros	Cons
Easy to refer to other agencies	Entering all the information about the client before the referral can be made is time consuming
Referrals are easy to track	IRIS is not connected to KWIC so information has to be written down and then entered into IRIS
Notice of completion of referral	Several local agencies are not participating in the IRIS referral system
Comment box is helpful to see how the referral progressed	IRIS consent is not part of the Rights and Responsibilities for WIC



IRIS REFERRAL SYSTEM



Geary County WIC IRIS

- Started 2018
- Send and receive referrals



IRIS Benefits in Our Clinic

- Quick, done in appointment
- Easy to view feedback and progress
- Agency descriptions



IRIS in Our Clinic

- Impact on workflow
- Caseload, work to do
- Follow up decisions



IRIS Barriers in Our Clinic

- Consent form
- Use of IRIS as a tracker
- Don't forget – IRIS isn't the only option!



IRIS

- Great tool, but not a replacement
- Requires some education
- Make it a priority to provide feedback and updates + use what you receive



IRIS WEBINAR

Kaylyn Speth, RD, LD, CLC
Riley County WIC

HOW WE GOT STARTED

Launched county wide May 2018

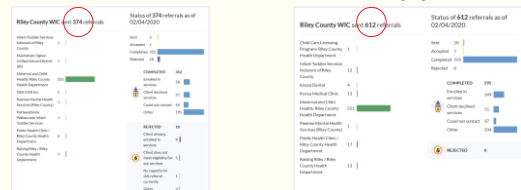
Start up "cost" = time

WIC - Active - PG
Case Report 02/24/2020 to 02/25/2020
Due Date 02/25/2020

Client Information
Client ID: [redacted] Local ID: [redacted] Medical: [redacted]
Client Last Name: [redacted] First Name: [redacted] MI: [redacted]
Date of Birth: [redacted] 20 Years Female Male
Race and Ethnicity Complete

OUR NUMBERS

2018 Outgoing Referrals 2019



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Incoming Referrals

2018

Organization	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD Total
Public Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MCU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
HRH	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5
Manhattan Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Geary Co HD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delivering Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	1	4	0	12

2019

Organization	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD Total
Public Health	5	1	5	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	21
MCU	0	0	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	15
HRH	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Manhattan Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Geary Co HD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Delivering Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	6
Infant Toddler Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	6	1	8	9	2	3	2	3	4	2	5	2	47

SUCCESS STORY

"Switch Access" has allowed us easier referrals to Geary County




TIPS FOR OTHERS

- Consider how efficient current referral system is and what your expectations are
- Designate one staff member to follow up on incoming referrals
- Update client contact information
- Provider follow up on referrals

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Making a Difference with IRIS

We had a dad that brought his teen daughter into WIC. They were new to Wichita so he wanted all the resources we could give him. The WIC nurse was able to quickly refer his daughter to three community agencies with a few clicks.

The WIC nurse was later able to check the enrollment status on IRIS and see the teen was enrolled in services.

Before IRIS, we may have given a verbal referral to a client. IRIS ensures that there is contact between the individual and the agency. Otherwise, even if a family is interested, life becomes busy and they may forget about calling a support agency.

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